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SUBJ: SWEDEN REFUSES ENTRY TO CHILEANS AND SENDS THEM HOME

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS DENIED THE ENTRY INTO SWEDEN OF THREE CHILEAN YOUNG MEN ATTEMPTING TO JOIN THE CHILEAN REFUGEE COMMUNITY HERE AND ON JULY 13 RETURNED THEM TO SANTIAGO. THIS IS REPORTED TO BE THE FIRST TIME THAT SWEDEN HAS RETURNED CHILEANS TO, AS THE PRESS DESCRIBES IT, "THE PINOCHET JUNTA'S CHILE."

2. ON JULY 12 SOME 20 CHILEAN REFUGEES ARRIVED AT ARLANDA AIRPORT. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SWEDISH POLICE FOUND THAT MOST OF THEM HAD VALID REASONS TO ENTER BUT DETAINED SEVEN OF THEM ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE POLICE DID NOT BELIEVE THEM TO BE BONA FIDE POLITICAL REFUGEES AND THUS PLANNED TO DEPORT THEM. THE CHILEANS APPEALED TO THE SWEDISH IMMIGRATION OFFICE, WHICH DECIDED THAT FOUR OF THE REFUGEES SHOULD BE
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GIVEN POLITICAL ASYLUM, BUT THAT THE THREE MEN HAD COME TO SWEDEN FOR PRIMARILY ECONOMIC REASONS AND SHOULD BE RETURNED.

3. IMMIGRATION OFFICE OFFICIALS ASSURED THE PRESS THAT THEY WERE CERTAIN THAT NO HARM WOULD COME TO THE THREE CHILEANS UPON THEIR RETURN TO SANTIAGO, BASING THEIR CERTAINTY ON CONTACTS WITH "GOOD UNOFFICIAL SOURCES" IN CHILE, WHICH REMAINED

UNIDENTIFIED. IMMIGRATION CHIEF KJELL OBERG, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEPORTATION, EXPLAINED SOMEWHAT DISINGENUOUSLY THAT "WE CANNOT LET PEOPLE INTO THE COUNTRY SOLELY BECAUSE THEY ARE CHILEANS." END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: DESPITE OBERG'S EXPLANATION, THE FACT REMAINS THAT IT HAS BEEN FAR FROM NORMAL PRACTICE FOR SWEDEN TO RETURN CHILEANS SEEKING REFUGE HERE TO THEIR HOME COUNTRY, THE GOVERNMENT OF WHICH IS REGARDED HERE WITH CONSIDERABLE OPPROBRIUM. THIS CASE APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF SLOWLY INCREASING AND CONTINUING SCRUTINIZATION BY SWEDISH AUTHORITIES OF THOSE WISHING TO TAKE UP PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN SWEDEN. THE NUMBER OF THOSE TURNED AWAY AT THE BORDER HAS REPORTEDLY INCREASED FROM ABOUT 1100 IN 1973 TO MORE THAN 2000 IN 1976.
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